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SUBJECT: CIVIL AIR: TIME AND PLACE OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.

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1. CAPOMAZZA AGREES ON BEHALF GOI TO HOLD PRELIMINARY SESSION ROME JANUARY 12-13, CONTINUING JANUARY 14 IF NECESSARY, AND TO HAVE PARTICIPANTS THEN ARRANGE TIME AND PLACE OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS. CAPOMAZZA ADDS GOI UNDERSTANDING THAT IF MORE THAN ONE FINAL NEGOTIATING SESSION PROVES NECESSARY, AS IS MOST LIKELY, THESE SHOULD ALTERNATE BETWEEN CAPITALS.

2. BEFORE REACHING ABOVE RESULT WE GAVE CAPOMAZZA DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS EXACTLY AS IN REFTTEL, OMITTING LAST PARAGRAPH.

3. WE THINK LOY SHOULD PLAN TO STAY OVER IN ROME JANUARY 14.

4. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND ORTONA, NOW SECRETARY GENERAL FON MIN, ORTONA TOOK PAINS TO POINT OUT THAT GOI ATTACHES MAJOR POLITICAL IMPORTANCE TO ARRIVING AT A NEW AND EVENLY BALANCED BILATERAL AGREEMENT. FON MIN CONSIDERS IT HAS MADE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION BY DESIGNATING AN ABLE AND REASONABLE SENIOR AMBASSADOR AS HEAD OF ITAL DEL.

5. ORTONA ADDED THAT GOI WISHES TO CONCLUDE NEW AGREEMENT BEFORE OLD ONE EXPIRES, AND CAPOMAZZA ALSO REVEALED THIS IN HIS REMARKS TO US. WHILE WE ARE SURE ITALIANS WILL BE TOUGH ON IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE POINTS, WE REGARD THIS LAST AS A NEW AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE ON THEIR PART, SINCE THEY MIGHT GAIN SIGNIFICANT NUISANCE ADVANTAGES BY HAVING NEGOTIATIONS DRAG ON BEYOND DEADLINE. WE ARE RESPONDING THAT IT IS PLAINLY IN INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES TO CONCLUDE NEW AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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